

Big Bend National Park

Academic Fee Waiver Request



Name of Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Instructor/Leader: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Fax (if preferred): _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Number of Students: _____ Grade(s): _____ Number of Faculty/Chaperones: _____

Total Vehicles: Coach/Bus _____ Mini Bus _____ Van _____ Auto _____

Class/Course Title: _____

Specific Park Areas to Visit: _____

- ☐ **Criteria One: Academic Purpose** - Applicants must provide a written statement confirming that the visit supports a specific curriculum for which academic credit is offered. *Documentation such as the course syllabus or a copy of the school's course catalog or handbook will satisfy this requirement.*
- ☐ **Criteria Two: Relevance** - There must be a direct relationship between the purpose of the visit and the use of the park. Provide documentation demonstrating why the visit is educational and specific to Big Bend National Park. A course outline, lesson plan, or a copy of the course curriculum meets this requirement. To simply state the trip objectives are for "academic purposes" is insufficient. *You must submit an explanation of what the academic purpose entails and how it relates to park resources.*
- ☐ **Criteria Three: Eligibility** - Current official recognition as an Educational Institution by a Federal, State, or local government entity, or other documentation attesting to educational status, such as accreditation letter or an educational tax exempt letter. It is insufficient to merely state or imply that you have this recognition.

I understand the Code of Federal Regulations allows for fee waivers only for bona fide educational and/or scientific institutions that are using the park for educational purposes. I hereby certify that the above detailed trip meets these requirements and therefore request that fees be waived. Current official documentation of recognition as an educational or scientific institution is attached.

Applicant Signature: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

National Park Service Approval:

(Note: This is only valid with an NPS signature.)

NPS Signature: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

This approved fee waiver must be in your possession when arriving at Big Bend National Park. Each vehicle needs to have a copy of the approved waiver otherwise normal entrance fees will be charged. Groups arriving without an approved fee waiver will be charged the non-private fee of \$12.00 per person for individuals 16 years old and older. Refunds will not be granted.